

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A pulley comprising:

a pulley body which has a rotationally symmetrical outer circumferential surface and a pulley hub, and having a tire which sits on the outer circumferential surface and has at least one radially outer and one radially inner ring and also a reinforcing ring, the reinforcing ring being made of a material which is rigid relative to the radially inner and the radially outer rings, the reinforcing ring having a diameter which is smaller than the outside diameter of the radially outer ring, the radially inner ring being made of an elastomer, the radially outer ring being made of an elastomer or a plastic, and the radially outer ring having a greater Shore hardness than the radially inner ring,

wherein the reinforcing ring consists of two parts which are joined together along a radial plane and are fastened to one another.

17. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 16, wherein the two parts of the reinforcing ring bear directly against one another.

18. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 16, wherein the two parts of the reinforcing ring are connected to one another while forming at least one axial intermediate space.

Claims 19-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 4 48, wherein ~~a the clamping device is assigned to the tire, by means of which clamping device the tire can be~~ includes a mechanism for radially pretensioned pretensioning the radially outer ring on the outer circumferential surface of the pulley body.

28. (Currently Amended) The pulley as claimed in claim 27 48, wherein the clamping device has an annular, essentially rotationally symmetrical form with a radially inner and a radially outer surface.

29. (Currently Amended) The pulley as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 48, wherein the clamping device, relative to the radial direction, is fitted in between the radially inner ring and the outer circumferential surface of the pulley body.

30. (Currently Amended) The pulley as claimed in claim ~~27~~ 48, wherein the clamping device, relative to the radial direction, is fitted in between the radially inner ring and the ~~reinforcing~~ stiffening ring.

31. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 27, wherein the clamping device, relative to the axial direction of the pulley body, is split into two annular parts.

32. (Currently Amended) The pulley as claimed in claim ~~30~~ 31, wherein the radially inner ring, relative to the axial direction of the pulley body, is split into two parts, and in that in each case one part of the radially inner ring sits on the corresponding part of the clamping device.

33. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 27, wherein the clamping device bears an elastomeric coating on its radially inner surface, said elastomeric coating being cohesively connected to the clamping device.

34. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 33, wherein the elastomeric coating is made of the same material as the radially inner ring.

35. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 31, wherein each annular part of the clamping device has a frustoconical outer form and a frustoconical bore, the radial thickness at one axial end of each annular part being smaller than at the other axial end, and in that a ring is obtained in an assembled state, which ring, relative to its axial extent, is constricted approximately in the center.

36. (Previously presented) The pulley as claimed in claim 31, wherein the two annular parts are screwed together by means of screws.

37. (Currently Amended) A pulley comprising: a pulley body which has a rotationally symmetrical outer circumferential surface and a pulley hub, and having a tire which sits on the outer circumferential surface and has at least one radially outer and one radially inner ring and also a reinforcing ring, the reinforcing ring being made of a material which is rigid relative to the radially inner and the radially outer rings, the reinforcing ring having a diameter which is smaller than the outside diameter of the radially outer ring, the radially inner ring being made of an elastomer, the radially outer ring being made of an elastomer or a plastic, and the radially outer ring having a greater Shore hardness than the radially inner ring ~~The pulley as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the pulley body forms a double cone, which has the largest diameter at the intersection between the two cones.~~

Claims 38-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously presented) A pulley comprising:  
a pulley body which has an outer circumferential surface; and  
a tire which is disposed on the outer circumferential surface and which comprises:  
an outer ring;  
a separate inner ring; and  
a reinforcing ring interposed between the outer ring and the inner ring,  
the reinforcing ring being made of a material which is rigid relative to the radially inner and the radially outer rings and which has at least one portion which is at least as thick as the radially outer ring, the radially inner ring being made of a first material, the radially outer ring being made of a second material having a greater Shore hardness than the material of the radially inner ring.

43. (Previously presented) A pulley as claimed in claim 42, wherein the reinforcing ring has a non-uniform cross-section and is thicker at the sides than in the middle.

44. (Previously presented) A pulley as claimed in claim 42, wherein the reinforcing ring has an indented cross-sectional profile.

Claims 45-47. (Cancelled)

48. (New) A pulley suitable for use in an aerial tramway, comprising:  
a pulley body which has a rotationally symmetrical outer circumferential surface,  
a pulley hub,  
a radially outer ring made of an elastomeric material and forming a groove for receiving a cable,  
a stiffening ring provided radially within the diameter of the groove,  
a radially inner ring made of an elastomeric material that is softer than the elastomeric material of the outer ring, and  
a clamping device provided to secure the radially outer ring, the stiffening ring and the radially inner ring on the pulley hub.

49. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the radially outer ring is arranged on the outer circumference of the stiffening ring.

50. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the radially inner ring is non-detachably connected to the clamping device.

51. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the clamping device is axially divided into two parts that clamp in the axial direction.

52. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the radially inner ring is axially divided into two parts.

53. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 51, wherein the radially inner ring is axially divided into two parts and each part is secured to one of the two parts of the clamping device.

- 54. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the reinforcing ring is embedded in one of the radially outer and the radially inner ring.
- 55. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the stiffening ring is a sheet-metal formed part.
- 56. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the stiffening ring is a forging.
- 57. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the stiffening ring is a casting.
- 58. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein at least one of the radially outer or the radially inner ring is connected to the stiffening ring in a positive-locking manner.
- 59. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 48, wherein the stiffening ring is fiber-reinforced.
- 60. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 51, further comprising fasteners connecting the two parts of the clamping device to one another.
- 61. (New) The pulley as claimed in claim 60, wherein the fasteners are threaded fasteners.